

Application No.: 09/631,898  
Amendment dated: December 14, 2005  
Reply to Office Action of July 14, 2005  
Attorney Docket No.: 0016.0003US1

b.) Remarks

Claims 1-10, 12-26, and 28-39 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 12, 24, 30, and 34 have been amended in various particulars as indicated hereinabove.

Claims 1-10, 12-26 and 28-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Phall (USP 6894972) in view of Wan (USP 6529475). This rejection is respectfully traversed for the following reasons.

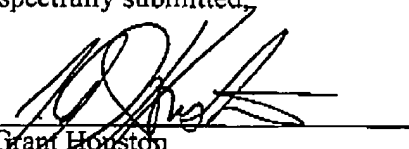
Each of the independent claims has been amended to describe that the corresponding networks, methods and apparatuses are utilized in the detection and nullification of denial of service attacks. (Please note that claims 1 and 12 have been amended to describe one or more director devices.).

Neither of the applied references shows or suggests the moderation of network traffic nullify such attacks, as claimed.

Therefore, Applicants request withdrawal of the rejections.

Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited. Should any questions arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

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